

An Apology From Your Mayor

As your mayor I take the role of promoting our city and standing up for our community very seriously. When media bias against our city was worsened by reduced coverage in one of our community's newspapers, I took matters into my own hands by writing as a citizen journalist using a pen name. All of the stories I submitted were true. When I learned that they did not want pen names used, I stopped. Wanting to make things right, I confessed to what I had done.

This public confession has not been comfortable. But the most painful part of this whole process has been any embarrassment I have caused to the city I deeply care about. In the end, frankly, my good intentions back-fired.

I take full responsibility for my actions. Although I have offered numerous apologies through the media, I wanted to take this opportunity to communicate with you, my constituents, directly. I am sorry. Know that I am working hard to make things right anywhere I can, and I humbly ask for your forgiveness.

I have learned a great lesson and will never do something like that again. But I will not back down from continuing to set the public record straight that this is indeed a city to be proud of.

The residents here are genuine, down-to-earth, and hard working. Our city is continuously improving—from the new Megaplex coming to Valley Fair Mall, to the newest high school in the state being built to replace Granger High, to the new Target on 5600 West. Crime continues to go down on most measurements, and graffiti has been greatly reduced. We have a promising tomorrow and I will continue to champion West Valley City!

I love this city, and unfortunately in this recent case, to a fault. Once again I apologize and will continue to work with you as we build a brighter future for this community, our home. Serving as your mayor is a great honor, and I will be extra vigilant in the days ahead to increase your trust.

Sincerely,



Mayor Mike Winder